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TODAY and TOMORROW

British Bait To Burma

THE Imperial Affairs Committee of the British Conservative Party has been recently circulating among all Conservative Members of Parliament a "Blue Print for Burma," for the reconstruction of Burma after its re-occupation by the British. This much-advertised blue print can be of no practical interest to the Burmans themselves. Gone are the days when they looked to the politicians in England for their country's advancement. Thanks to Nippon, Burma is now an independent and sovereign state; and phenomenal indeed has been her moral and material progress since the British fled the country after carrying out a savage destruction in the name of 'scorch earth' policy.

The British have already made two big attempts to reconquer liberated Burma. The first attempt under Lord Wavell was a catastrophic failure, and the second under Lord Mountbatten fared even worse. There is every reason to believe that if and when the British make a third attempt, it will go the way of its two predecessors, because with the growing solidarity between the Burmans and their allies, the Nipponese people, Burma is getting stronger day by day. The present visit of Burma's Adipadi Dr. Ba Maw to Tokyo is a proof of the unity of spirit that animates Burma and Nippon in this war against the Anglo-American aggressors.

It is to weaken this unity and lure the Burmans into the Anglo-American camp, that the Conservatives in Britain have suddenly awoke to the need for making some political concessions to Burma. This is in fact admitted by the Yorkshire Post which says in its editorial, "Nippon, having declared Burma independent, that heady word independence has conjured up among the Burmans visions of freedom hitherto undreamt of. We may therefore take it for granted that Burma will not welcome us with open arms if our return means only her going back to her former semi-dependent status." So, this blue print is nothing but a bait to get at Burma.

But unfortunately for the British, the bait will not work. Even if the blue print was a straightforward proposal to grant Burma independence, the Burmans would have ignored it contemptuously because they have already got the independence they had struggled for so many years during the British regime.

But as a matter of fact, the so-called blue print is not anything like a genuine project for Burma's independence, but is a trickster's scheme to cheat Burma with a bogus autonomy under perpetual British political domination and economic exploitation. This vicious snare cannot lure any freedom loving Burman; it will only intensify his hatred of the British and strengthen his resolve to crush them at all costs.

FUTILE BR. ATTEMPT TO LURE BURMA

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Burmese Nation Cannot Be Deceived By Britain's Post-War Schemes

On the assumption that they are going to reconquer Burma, the British are already chalking out most hideous plans for the exploitation of Burma. According to a despatch from London, the Imperial Affairs Committee of the British Conservative Party has circulated to all Conservative Members of Parliament a "Blue Print for Burma" wherein full details of the plan for the so-called post-war reconstruction of Burma are given.

According to this plan, Burma will be kept politically subservient to Britain, with her defence and external affairs completely controlled by the British. British firms will be given all facilities to re-start their business in Burma and, as before, the exploitation of the natural resources of the country will be carried on for the exclusive benefit of Britain and her imperial interests.

Competent political circles here declare that these plans for so-called reconstruction of Burma are nothing but a desperate attempt by the British to lure the Burmans into the Anglo-American camp. However, thus much-advertised blue print can be of no practical interest to the Burmans themselves who are now enjoying complete independence.

Thought Warfare To Be Further Intensified

Tokyo, Nov. 16 (Domei)—On the first anniversary of the convention of Greater East Asiatic newsmen held in Tokyo a year ago today, Tokichi Tanaka, Director-General of the Greater East Asiatic Press Conference, issued a statement soliciting the further efforts of pressmen to fulfil the weighty mission of ideological warfare.

His statement follows:

"Notwithstanding the enemy's stubborn attempts at a counter-attack, the gallant men and officers of the Imperial Nippon forces on land, at sea and in the air are scoring brilliant achievements unparalleled in the annals of war. At this juncture it would be well for us to recall the resolution reached at the convention a year ago, and perform our vital mission of thought warfare in crushing our common enemy, thus contributing our share toward the liberation of Asiatic nations, and bringing prosperity to their peoples.

"In welcoming the first anniversary of this commemorative occasion I wish all members of the Greater East Asiatic Press Conference, health, happiness, and success, and pray we shall meet again soon."

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All-Out Nippon Offensive Against Leyte Invaders Looms; Close-Range Battle Raging On Pililiou Theatre

Manila, November 15 (Domei)—Fighting on Leyte Island is growing fiercer than ever under raging monsoon storms according to frontline dispatches. Notwithstanding heavy attacks by Nippon army and naval air forces, including the Special Attack Corps, the enemy since Nov. 12 has sent a considerable number of transports into Leyte Gulf and apparently has landed about two divisions of troops on Leyte Island, thus making a total enemy strength on that island of seven divisions. Intercepting the enemy's advance, Nippon forces are holding fast to their positions along the mountainous sector west of both Burauen and Carigara.

Meanwhile, Nippon reinforcements are now furiously attacking the main strength of the enemy's 24th Division which forced their way into Managasnas, west of Carigara. Even the enemy side is reporting that hard fighting is now going on in that sector. Other Nippon reinforcements are steadily arriving at the firstline by wading through rain-soaked, muddy roads and cutting through thick jungles. Thus, preparations for a Nippon general offensive are being steadily pushed on.

Still keeping a powerful task force in waters east of the Philippines, the enemy is frequently air-raiding the harbours in Manila Bay in order to obstruct the dispatch of Nippon reinforcements to Leyte Island. Thus, the battle on land in the air and at sea is daily increasing in severity.

Lisbon, Nov. 15 (Domei)—Lt.-General Walter Krueger, Commander of the United States Sixth Army in the Leyte operations, told American war correspondents yesterday that "folks back home are wrong if they think Nipponese troops fighting in the battle of Leyte Island are a pushover," according to an Associated Press dispatch received here. Krueger said Nipponese troops "are not running away but are fighting furiously and demonstrating their determination to hold the island at any cost." Krueger added, "The going is tough and there is no room for complacency as one considers the fight ahead."

Another dispatch from Leyte said that Krueger would have been killed by a Nipponese plane recently had he not left his tent for breakfast. It said that while the General was out a Nipponese plane came over and three bullets ripped into the General's tent in a direct line with the commander's head—had he been there.

A Nippon Base in the Central Pacific, Nov. 15 (Domei)—Nippon garrison forces on Pililiou Island of the Palau Group have shortened their battleline from Kansokuyama to the hilly sector near Oyama where they are valiantly hurling back enemy onslaughts.

While refraining from aggressive attacks during the daytime, the enemy forces constantly attacked at night the communication road between the Nippon positions. During the daytime only small enemy forces were used in feeble attempts to attack the Nippon positions under cover of artillery fire.

On November 13, however, the enemy launched a general offensive with a large force supported by tanks from the east, west and south of the Nippon positions. The Nippon forces are now fiercely attacking this enemy force by daring close-range fighting.

Meanwhile, on Angaur Island flare-bombs shot up by the enemy can still be observed which indicate that the Nippon forces there are still putting up valiant resistance against the enemy.

Although placed under extremely difficult conditions, the Nippon defenders are doing their utmost to defend these islands to the last man.

Army Chief's Order Of The Day

Manila, Nov. 15 (Domei)—The stout determination of officers and men of our garrison forces now carrying on the fight against enemy invaders of Leyte Island was tersely expressed in an Order of the Day given by the Commander to his troops which stated:

Firstly, Nippon forces on this island are shouldering the destiny of the Nippon Empire; secondly, the opportunity to strike has arrived and victory must be ours wherever we advance; thirdly, without victory on land there will be no victory on sea or in the air; fourthly, we will not return alive without recapturing Leyte Island; fifthly, Nippon soldiers should entrench in battling the enemy or launch death-defying attacks.

INDIA YOUTHS SHUN BRITISH ARMY BILLETS

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Govt. Recruiting Drive Held Utter Failure Despite Attractive Terms

The sad plight of the British authorities in India whose military and economic strength has been considerably paralysed as a result of the ever-increasing anti-British revolution raging throughout the country, is revealed by the latest reports received here.

According to a New Delhi report on Wednesday, the British Government in India have resorted to further wily tricks in a vain attempt to get recruits for their army as well as labour for their war industries.

Competent observers express the opinion that these fresh baits offered by the British authorities are only yet another convincing proof of the complete failure of the various recruiting campaigns including the house-to-house recruiting campaign recently launched by the British authorities so as to get Indian recruits for the army. During these campaigns the British authorities, it will be recalled, offered very attractive terms for the would-be recruits, such as cash presents and bonuses, high salaries and allowances, and similar things; but despite all these, the freedom loving Indians refused to sell themselves.

Meanwhile, some aspects of the British loot and plunder of Indian materials for the Anglo-American war effort were brought to light in Central Legislative Assembly yesterday.

United Front Against British Govt. In India

Indian leaders are continuing their efforts to strengthen further the united front against the British authorities in India. According to a New Delhi message, the correspondence that took place between Mahatma Gandhi and Sir Dalip Singh, General Secretary of the Central Sikh Youth League, has just been released by Gandhiji's Secreary. In his letters, the Sikh leader has stressed the oneness and solidarity of the Indian nation and the absurdity of the Pakistan scheme.

Similar views have also been expressed by Sir Hari Singh Gour in a letter to the "Manchester Guardian" today. According to a despatch from London, Sir Hari Singh Gour in his letter has characterised communal separatism as not only impossible but suicidal. Sir Hari Singh Gour adds, that the bulk of Muslims in India are against Pakistan as witnessed by the two Moslem provinces of Sind and the North-West Frontier Provinces which are both pro-Congress, while the Shias of India forming one-fourth of the entire Moslem population and Indian Majlis are both dead against any vivisection of India.

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Parents Urged To Send Sons To Balak Sena

Syonan, Nov. 15 (Domei)—The responsibility of maintaining a free and independent India once the Azad Hind Fauj has accomplished its sacred mission of liberating Mother India rests in the hands of today's members of the Balak Sena who will be tomorrow's members of the Azad Hind Fauj, declares the Secretary of the Training Department, Rear Headquarters, Indian Independence League, in an urgent appeal issued urging Indian parents all over East Asia to allow and encourage their sons to join the Balak Sena—the youth organization of the Indian independence movement.

The Secretary's statement follows:—

"It is very much regretted that some parents have failed to understand the object of the Balak Sena organization. The other day we received a letter from one of the Balak Sena leaders posted at Port Dickson stating that some parents have stopped their children from attending Balak Sena parades and classes. It is indeed a very pitiable action taken by these parents.

"However, we appeal to all parents concerned through the State and Sub-branches of the I.I.L. and their workers to consider the importance of Balak Sena training. It is certainly for the good of the children who will become future leaders, politicians, historians and generals in the Azad Hind Fauj—the Army created for the emancipation of Bharat Mata (Mother India).

"Every father and mother wishes that his or her children may become physically, mentally and spiritually well developed. Take it for certain, that we are able to win the present war and thus are able to drive the British out of India. Even then there remains the problem of maintaining the independence of India. Who will undertake to tackle this problem? It is definitely a harder task than that of fighting and driving the enemy out of India."

The statement continues, "Our answer to this is that the responsibility of maintaining independence remains in the hands of today's members of the Balak Sena who will be tomorrow's members of the Azad Hind Fauj. Hence we strongly appeal to all parents to co-operate with us and permit their children to attend Balak Sena training classes at their respective League branches."

It concludes, "We give an explicit assurance to parents that their children will not be used for any other purpose than that of training them along the proper lines. Some parents are under the impression that these children will be drafted straight away into the Army. It should be realized by the parents that these children are far too young to serve in any army, so parents should not adopt an attitude which obstructs our clear intention."

King Farouk Dissolves Egyptian Parliament

Lisbon, Nov. 15 (Domei)—King Farouk of Egypt, taking a positive step to end the political discord in the country resulting from the forced resignation of former Premier Nahas Pasha and his replacement by Ahmed Maher Pasha early last month, has issued a royal decree formally dissolving the Egyptian Parliament, according to a Cairo dispatch received here today.

The general election, it is understood, will be held next month with the new Parliament convening on January 18—two months after the dissolution of the assembly as stipulated in the Constitution.

Violent Fighting In East Holland & Metz Sectors

Lisbon, Nov. 15 (Domei)—Violent fighting is reported raging on a wide front in Eastern Holland where the British Second Army opened a new offensive yesterday in the area south-east of Helmond, dispatches received here revealed. The attack was expected and counter-measures have already been taken by the Germans, the Berlin communique said.

London dispatches claimed the British won three bridgeheads and occupied the town of Meijel, 15 miles south-east of Helmond.

South of Thienville, German Grenadiers completed the destruction of the enemy bridgehead and took several hundred prisoners, the German High Command announced. Heavy fighting continued to rage in the area of Metz, in Lorraine, with American Third Army forces trying desperately to capture Metz fortress. The German communique said that German Grenadiers engaged in severe defensive fighting at Gravelotte, west of Metz.

Anti-Axis reports said the Americans had closed in to within a mile and three-quarters of Metz itself from the south. German armoured formations in the area between the Nied River and Morchingen, frustrated renewed enemy attempts to envelop them, the German High Command announced.

London dispatches said that at least 15 persons were killed last night when the Germans repeated salvos of flying bombs against South England and the metropolitan London area. The German communique said that V-1 and V-2 fire was directed also against Antwerp.

Moscow dispatches said that Soviet storm troops drove into the southern suburbs of Budapest today and the assault on the Hungarian capital appeared to have entered the final stage. East of Budapest the Soviets with strong infantry and tank forces continued break-through attempts but however were unable to make decisive gains, the German communique said. On the rest of the Eastern Front there was no large-scale fighting.

A Bulgarian communique said that Bulgarian and Yugoslav troops captured the major railroad junction of Skeplje in southern Yugoslavia. Under the protection of heavy British naval forces the enemy again tried to land on Milos Island in the Aegean Sea but however, was beaten back by the Germans, the German communique said.

In Italy, British Eighth Army forces crossed the Montone River in their advance toward Faenza, next major city in the drive toward the Po Valley.

Eire Govt. Rejects American Demand

Lisbon, Nov. 15 (Domei)—The State Department announced yesterday that the Government of Eire has rejected the United States demand to refuse entry into Eire of the so-called war criminals, according to a Washington dispatch.

Meanwhile, the United Press reported today that only Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Spain have so far given satisfactory replies to the American demand made to neutral powers in August this year.

Eire, Portugal and Argentine have failed to give the required guarantee to the American Government, the report added.

British Concern Over Nippon's China Victory

Lisbon, Nov. 15 (Domei)—Nippon's swift and powerful drive into Kwangsi Province, resulting in the capture of Kweilin and Liuchow — two important American airbases in China—has deeply impressed the British public, giving rise to the belief among some quarters that the situation in China is "virtually hopeless", according to London dispatches received here.

British concern over the war situation in China was reflected in a question raised in the House of Commons this morning by Irene Ward, Independent, who asked Richard Law, Minister of State, whether he could make a statement with regard to the general benefit the anti-Axis powers have received through Chungking resistance against Nippon.

Law, however, side-stepped making any pointblank statement, declaring, "I do not consider any useful purpose would be served at the present time by entering into a detailed account of the position in the China theatre of war".

Meantime, British papers today pointed out the gravity of the war situation in China. The influential Edinburgh journal, "Scotsman", explained the rapid Nipponese advance into Kwangsi as due to Chungking's internal dissension as well as lack of sufficient arms.

The London "Daily Telegraph", on the other hand, pointed out that the question of extending sufficient aid to Chungking so as to enable her to equip her army, constitutes a stupendous task.

It warned also that one must not underestimate Nippon's strength. Nippon is a foe possessing large military resources, human and material, and her latest success in China emphasizes that where her communications are secure, she still has the means to deal heavy blows, the paper said.

Enemy Remnants In Liuchow Area Crushed

At the South China Front, Nov. 15 (Domei)—Relentlessly pursuing the retreating enemy 64th and 56th armies in the south-west sector of Liuchow, Nippon units on November 13 advanced to Liushansu and Likaohsu, approximately forty kilometres west of Liuchow where they delivered crushing blows to enemy troops.

Meanwhile, in the northern sector of Liuchow our units compressed their encirclement ring around enemy troops which retreated to this sector, and are now ready to deliver the final blow.

Drive For Platinum Launched In Selangor

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 14 (Domei)—To further whip up the country's war effort a statewide platinum drive was launched recently in Selangor, it is announced. All those who have platinum in the form of rings and other jewellery are urged to co-operate by selling their platinum to the Government through the local branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank.

For each tahil of platinum, the Yokohama Specie Bank will pay $6,000 cash or cloth materials equivalent to the amount. Gold can also be exchanged at three tahils of platinum to four of gold.

Huge Damage Caused By N.S. Wales Explosion

Lisbon, Nov. 15 (Domei)—Seven persons were reported to have been seriously injured yesterday when a terrific explosion occurred in a chemical factory in the Merriwa district, New South Wales, according to a Canberra dispatch.

Considerable damage was caused to buildings and houses in the vicinity. The authorities are now making enquiries as to the cause of the explosion, the report said.

Adipadi Ba Maw Calls On Premier Gen. Koiso

Tokyo, Nov. 16 (Domei)—Adipadi Ba Maw, Chief of State of Burma, who arrived here last evening, paid a courtesy call on Premier General Kuniaki Koiso at his official residence this morning.

Premier Koiso later in the morning returned the courtesy visit by calling on Adipadi Ba Maw at the Greater East Asia Guest Hall where he is staying during his visit here.

De Gaulle Accepts Soviet Invitation

Zurich, Nov. 15 (Domei)—General Charles de Gaulle, Head of the so-called "Provisional Government of France", has been invited by the Soviet Government to visit Moscow and has accepted, according to an official Paris message received here today.

On his trip to Moscow, which is expected shortly, de Gaulle will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

Political circles here regard de Gaulle's invitation with keen interest as it has come swift on the heels of the brief visit to Paris on Armistice Day by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, and tends to reflect Moscow's concern in French developments.

Banka Billiton Indians' Contribution To I.I.L.

A contribution of $500 has been received by the Indian Independence League Rear Headquarters, Syonan, through the Yokohama Specie Bank, from the I.I.L., Banka Billiton Syu, being proceeds from the sale of national flags, with a request to forward the amount to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Secretary of the I.I.L., Banka Billiton Syu, takes this opportunity to express the thanks of the Indian community there to the Nippon authorities for supplying the League with the necessary cloth for making the flags.

$5,000,000,000 U.S. Credit For Britain

Zurich, Nov. 15 (Domei)—A New York message quoting the influential Wall Street Journal today reported that the United States Government is negotiating a special credit of $5,000,000,000 to Britain in order to help correct Britain's international balance of payments which has been seriously affected by the heavy strain of war.

The American financial paper said that President Roosevelt is expected to submit such a scheme to the new Congress, which meets in January.

Some officials regard Britain as a "distressed corporation wherein the United States already has a heavy investment which can be protected only by advancing enough cash to tide it over a bad period", the journal declared.

Thivy And Alagappan To Visit Malacca

Malacca, Nov. 16 (Domei)—It is understood that Lt.-Col. S. C. Alagappan, Minister of Supplies of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, and Sri. J. A. Thivy, Vice-President of the Indian Independence League, East Asia, are scheduled to arrive in Malacca on November 20th. A mass meeting is being arranged by the local branch of the League for the occasion.

Death of Vinayaga Murthy

The death occurred at his residence, No. 55, Ceylon Road, Syonan, yesterday morning of Mr. N. Vinayaga Murthy, the eldest son of Mr. K. Nadarajah, and brother-in-law of Mr. P. Valuppillai, Chosabu, Malai Gunseikanbu.

The remains were cremated at the Hindu Cemetery in the evening in the presence of numerous friends and relatives.

NOTICE

Hoso Kanri Kyoku

There will be an investigation of Medium Wave Radio Sets from the 15th of this month by the Syonan Broadcasting Station which will continue for 30 days. The Medium Wave Radio Sets-owners in Syonan are requested to get their sets investigated at the nearest appointed Conversion Depots. Everybody is requested to bring his radio set for investigation, no matter whether he holds the official permit or not.

The official appointed Conversion Depots are as follows:—

1. 29, Orchard Road.—Syonan Broadcasting Station's Radio Workshop.
2. 12, Orchard Road.—S.P. Shotam & Co.
3. 58, Orchard Road.—Spot Radio Ltd.
4. 118, Orchard Road.—United Radio Services.
5. 126, Orchard Road.—Kee Huat Radio Co.

Those Nippon-jin having medium wave radio sets are requested to bring their radio sets to Syonan Broadcasting Station's Radio Workshop, 29, Orchard Road, for investigation.

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